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AMENDMENT B

Oct 11, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/20/2002,

The applicant is filing an RCE and would like the attached amendments to the claims and specification to be considered. The applicant believes that the prior art is overcome by the clarification of the terms and claims the arguments that define the invention over the existing art. Applicant has a limited ability in understanding patent terminology due to this being the first application. Applicant's slowness in grasping the concepts makes phone conversations difficult without first reading the specific arguments by the examiner towards the specific arguments put forth in this response and the response to the first office action. Applicant requests that the examiner provides written specific details regarding the issues of any further rejections, if any objections still remain after these changes, in order to determine the future course of action.

Applicant proposes that the following amendments to the Operation:

DEFINITION OF TERMS

rigid entity- is the term given to the new, single, container that is formed by securing at least one (first) attachable container on top of a wheeled container. It is also the term given to the new single container that is formed when a second attachable container is secured on the first attachable container which is already secured to the wheeled container. This also pertains to a third attachable container on top of the second, fourth on top of the third, etc. The word single is an adjective to further clarify the description of the new entity formed from the multiplicity of containers as a single container that functions in terms of tilting and rolling as a single container. It commonly precedes the two words "rigid entity".

means for securing- is the physical element that mechanically fastens between or across the interface of either a wheeled container and first attachable container, or first attachable container and second attachable container, or second attachable container and third attachable container, etc. The Ferbrache handles (4) are the preferred embodiment and several standard types of hardware or joint design are shown in the alternative embodiments in Figures 4-8.

secure- is the action of engaging the means of securing

hitch -noun- is the physical element that fastens two tilted for rolling, wheeled, containers together. (One or both of the containers may be either a taller one piece container such as a refuse container, or a rigid entity. These hitched containers each have their own wheels which rest separately on the floor, thus forming the "cars of a train"). Fig 4 is the referred embodiment of a hitch which are used with the Ferbrache handles. Other examples of a hitch may be a flexible strap.